

Prevent Duty

Milnthorpe Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is as important as safeguarding against any other vulnerability.

On 1 July 2015 the Prevent duty (section 26) of The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This duty places the responsibility for ALL public bodies, including schools, to make clear their preventative measures to minimise the threat of extremism in their setting.

All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We believe that children should be given the opportunity to explore diversity and understand Britain as a multi-cultural society; everyone should be treated with respect whatever their race, gender, sexuality, religious belief, special need, or disability.

We encourage pupils to understand and respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect; as well as tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We ensure that partisan political views are not promoted in the teaching of any subject in the school and where political issues are brought to the attention of the pupils, reasonably practicable steps are taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views to pupils.

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal sources – pupils, staff, visiting adults, governors or external sources – school community, external agencies or individuals.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language displayed by pupils, staff, visitors or parents will always be challenged and, where appropriate, dealt with.

Milnthorpe Primary School has completed a risk assessment outlining our response to these issues in school.

Further information for parents about the Prevent Strategy is contained in the booklet published by Cumbria Local Children's Safeguarding Board.